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**SUBJECT** Naval Officers' School at Gdynia

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1. Commander T. Mieszkowski, the nominal head of the Polish Naval Officers' School at Gdynia, has a political officer to advise him. The nationality of this political officer is unknown.
2. Training in the school is confined to teaching navigation and seamanship, but the officers trained here are not considered entirely trustworthy. Recently a number of Polish midshipmen (estimated at fifty, but this is only a very rough estimate) arrived in Gdynia from Odessa to take up commissions. In Odessa there are two large training establishments, one for the navy and one for the merchant marine. There is also a political school at which these midshipmen had taken a special course.   Comment: Earlier reports stated that Polish Navy conscripts were sent to Odessa for training.) 50X1-HUM
3. Some weeks ago Commander Mieszkowski expressed the following opinions:

"Now entrants to the Naval Officers' School are extremely illiterate, because candidates are selected for political reasons and not on merit. Of two recent candidates aged eighteen, one was completely ignorant of geography and the other of elementary mathematics. It is very seldom possible to accept any candidates educationally suitable as political qualifications are the chief consideration."
4. Below the rank of Lt. Commander in the Polish Navy there are practically no officers of sea-going experience, except for a few Petty Officers who have been given commissions. A reliable estimate puts the number of these latter as not more than twenty, most of whom are of fairly advanced age.

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